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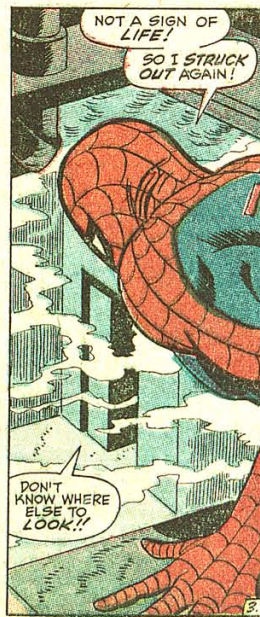
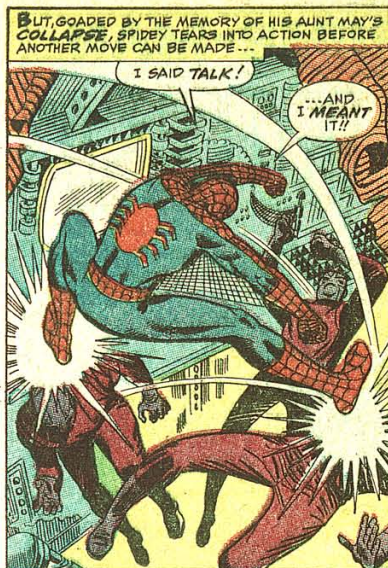
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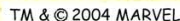
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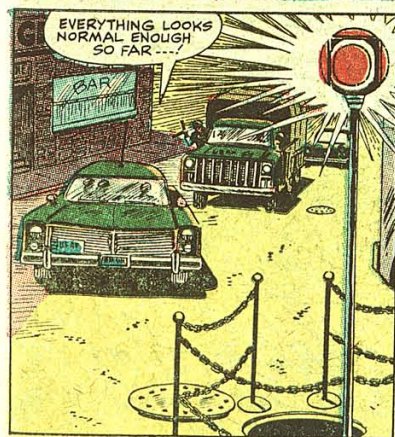
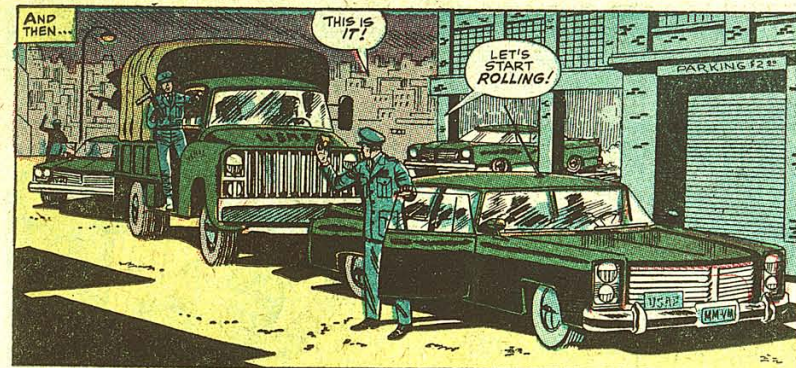
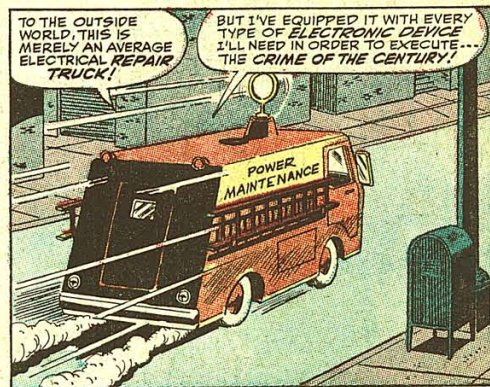
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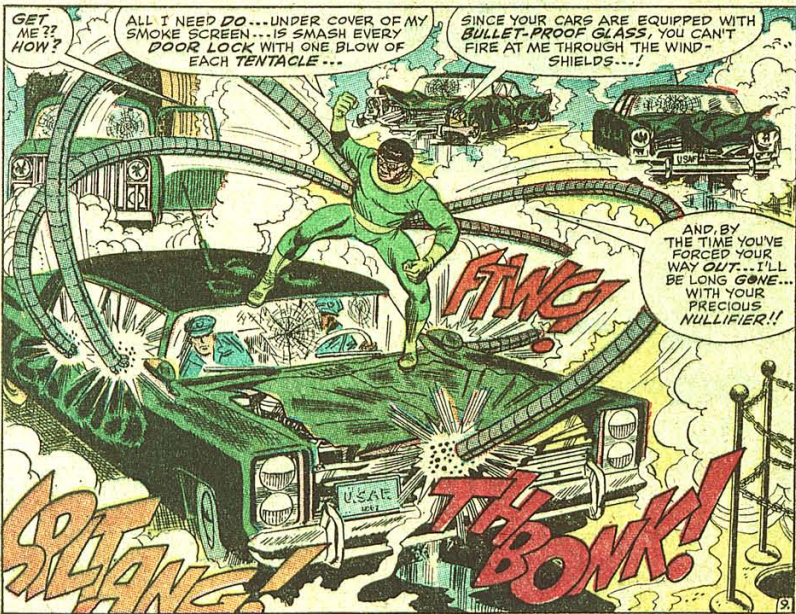
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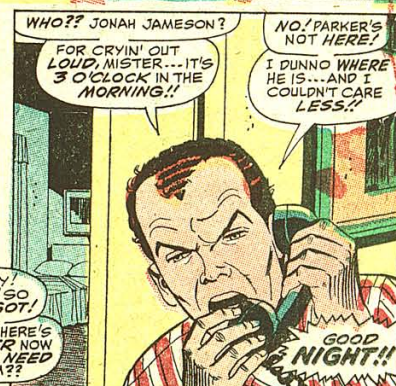
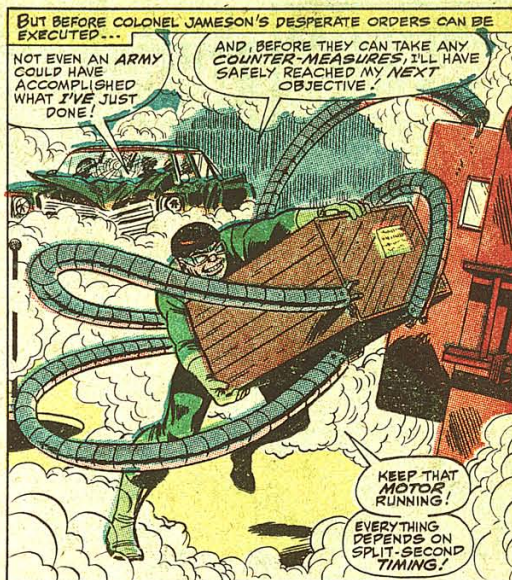
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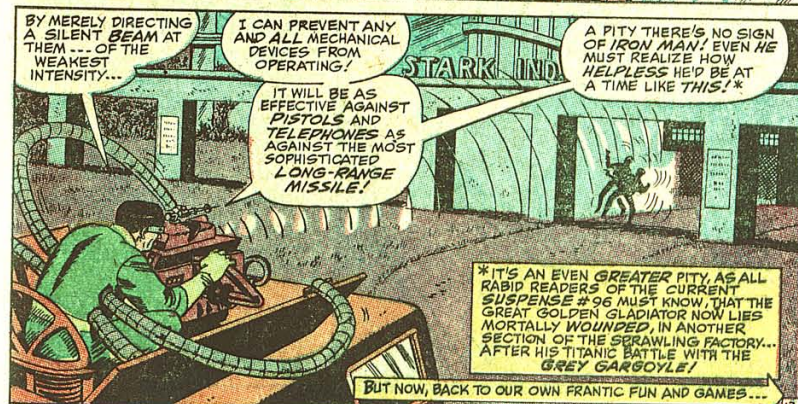
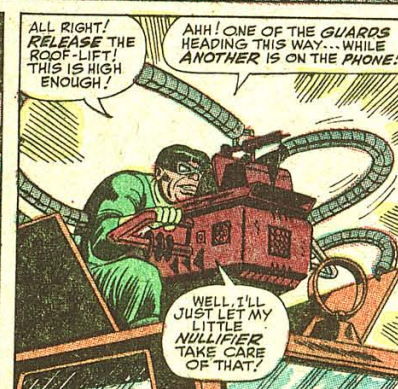
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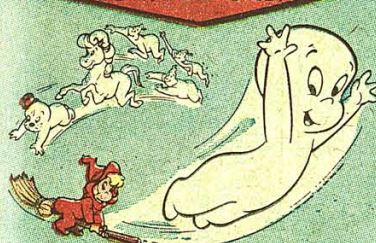
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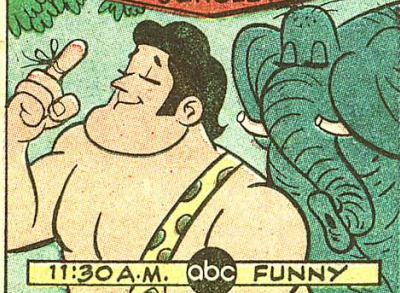
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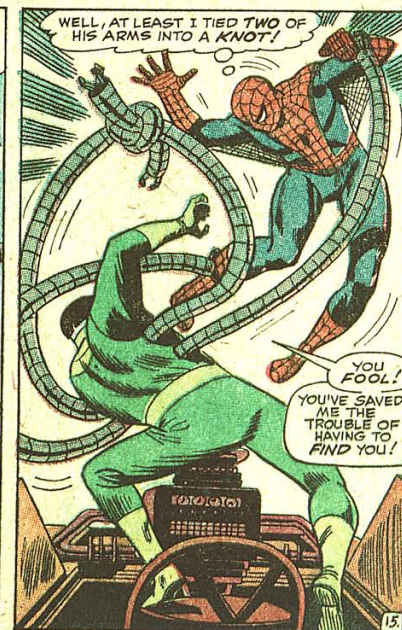
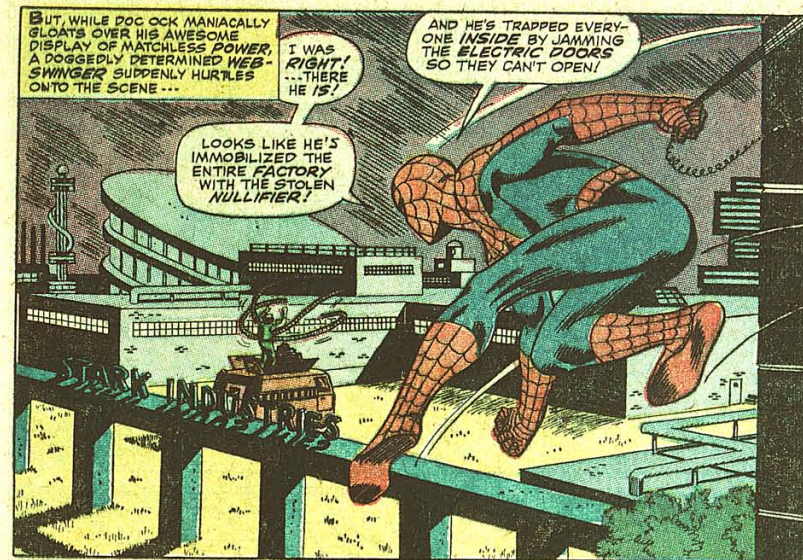
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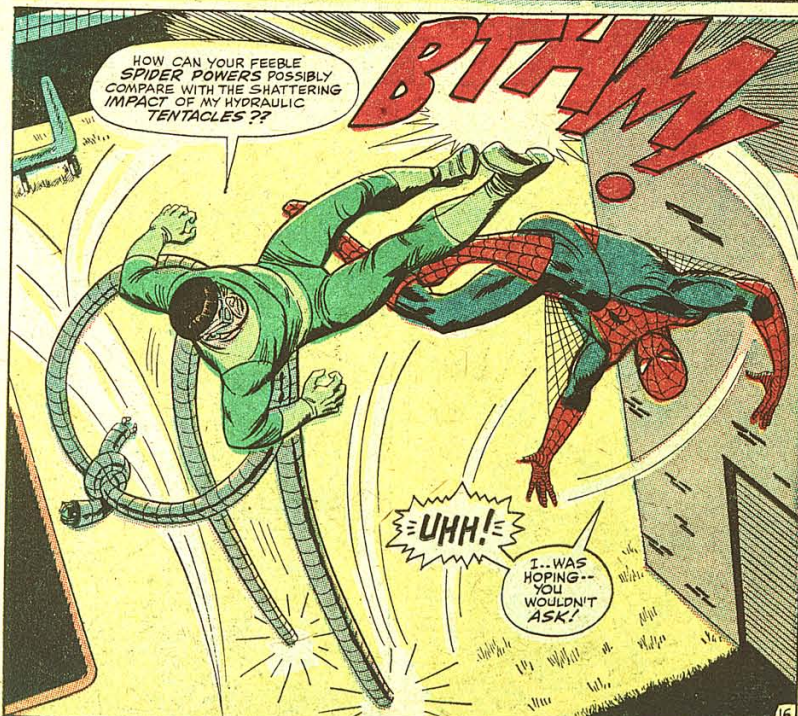
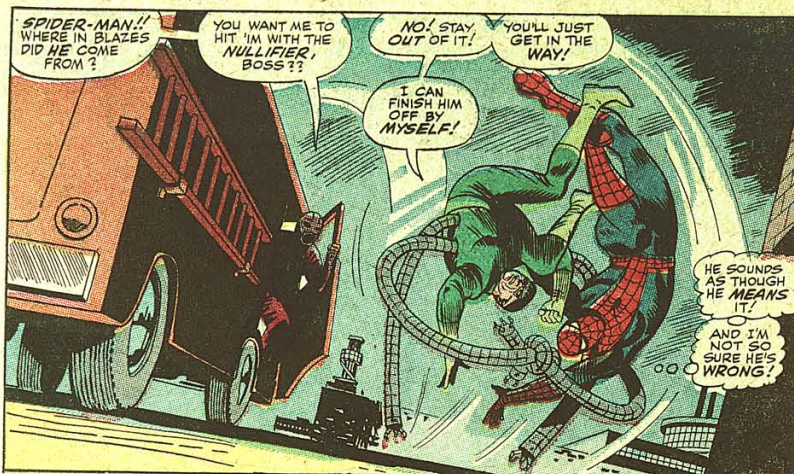
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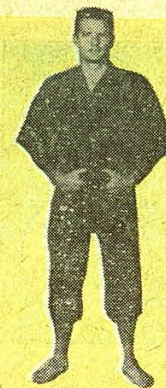
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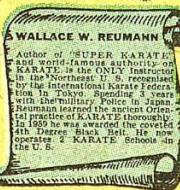
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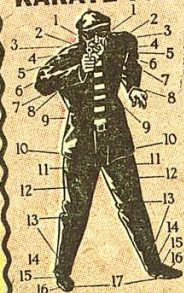
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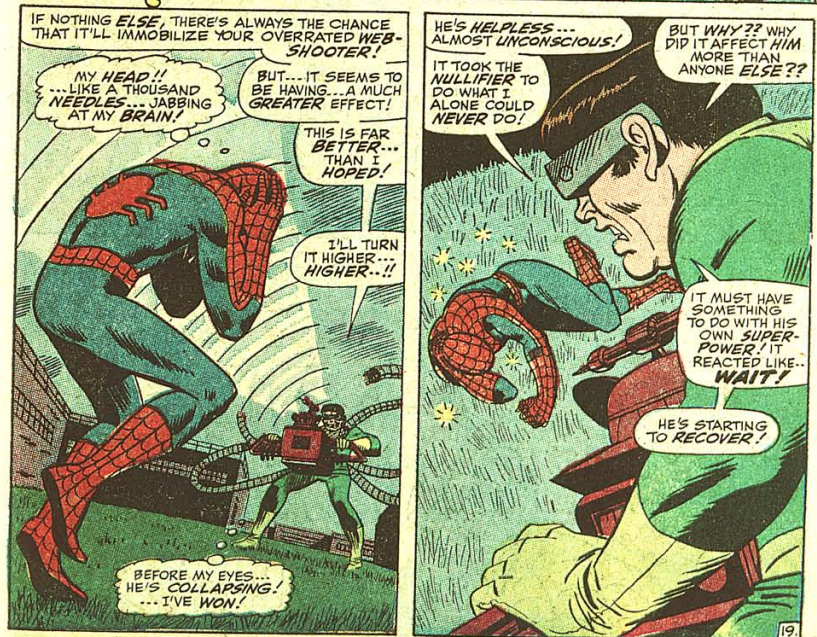
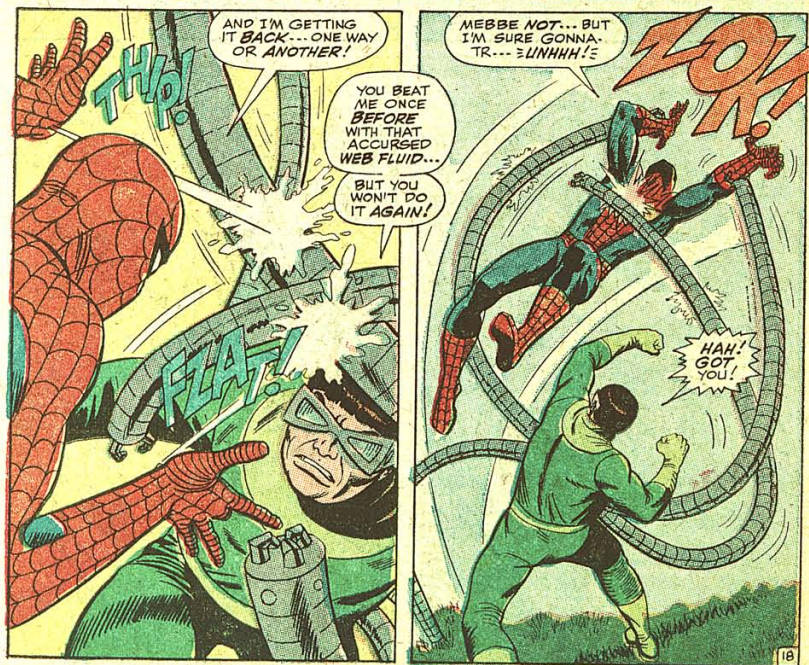
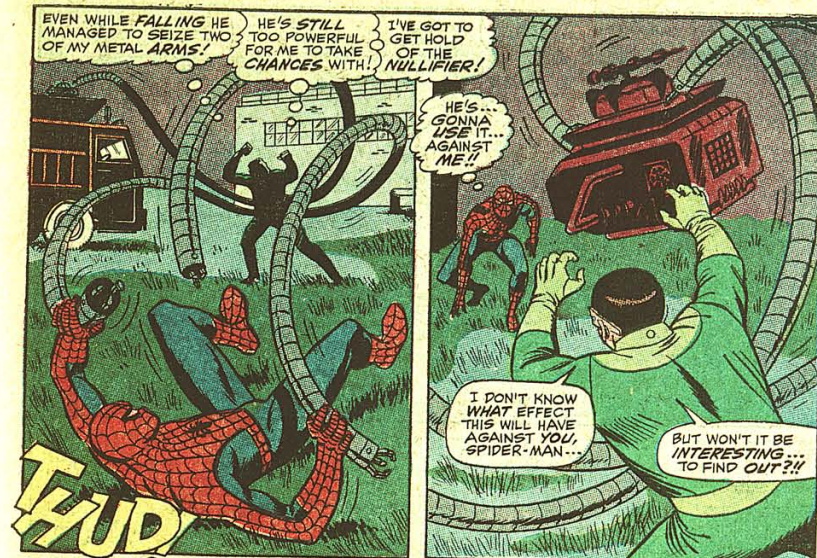
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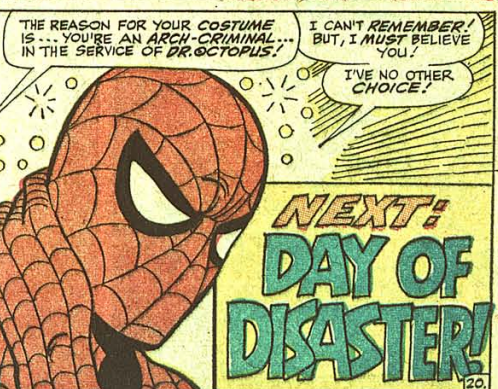
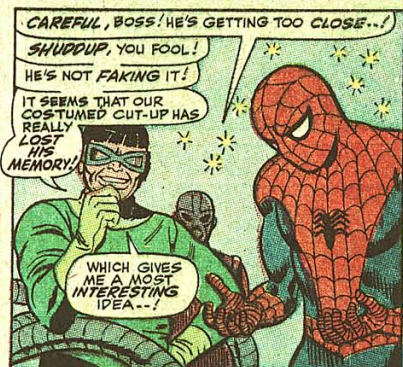
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ITEM! All of Marveldom assembled sends best wishes to JOLLY JACK and ROZ KIRBY on their 25th wedding anniversary! We're beginnin' to suspect that these two have a good thing going!

ITEM! We still don't know the exact date, but as we write these wondrous words, the adorable ABC Network has scheduled a full hour of Marvelmania for Saturday mornings. It'll open with 30 minutes of **FANTASTIC FOUR**, followed by another 30 minutes of **SPIDER-MAN!** (And as soon as Honest Iv gets his own show, then you'll know we're really taken over the world!) Anyway, whether it sends you or sinks you, be sure to drop a line to the President of ABC, at 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, and let him know that the eyes of all True Believers are upon him!



ITEM! How's this for a sensation? We've plumb run out of Tales of Asgard (in THOR, natch) so we're replacing that honored feature with another little doozy that'll really rock the roost! Starting now — we're hi-lighting a 5-page featurette starring — hold on, now — none other than the incomparable **INHUMAN!** If you miss a single one, you'll shake our confidence in ourselves, so hang in there, huh?

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Dear Stan and John,

Whatever happened to buttons? In issue #52 both good ol' J.J.J. and Fred Foswell are seen without buttons on their shirts. How do they keep them closed? At first I figured that Jonah had flexed his muscles, but that was a little hard to believe. Then I finally figured it out, J.J.J. and Foswell must have the same forgetful tailor. You know, the one who forgets to buy buttons and has to use transparent tape to hold the shirts together. Besides this, the story was great. Please send my no-prize C.O.D.

Charles Vogel, 180 Aubuchon
Florissant, Mo. 63031

It's on the way by parcel no-post, Charlie. We're grateful to thee for bringing so monumental an oversight to our attention, tiger — or, at least Stan is grateful. We're not so sure about Jazzy Johnny. We've got him drawing inside a tailor shop this week — to clue him in on buttons!

Dear Stan and John,

In response to one fan's letter in issue #52, I would like to say a few words. I agree that Spider-Man's old format was good, but in my opinion the new one is better. After all, everybody's got to get out of a slump sometimes. Taking out Flash and increasing Jameson's hatred wasn't such a good idea. All Flash did was tease and insult, but Jameson, being a man with a lot of influence, can do greater damage to Spidey's career. Everyone, even dull, drab Peter Parker, has to make some friends eventually. The motorcycle is an advantage as he can keep his costume there. Extra web fluid, cameras, and such can be kept handily. Don't give him nothing but worries... yet don't make him the life of the party. Those who are interested in preserving their mags can do this — if you have two or more, put glue on the back edge of one, then place the other under it, wait a few more minutes, and then glue the two or more in a folder. Number and name it and place it on your book shelf.

Stanley Harrington, Rt. #1
Bowden, Ga.

Place it in a book shelf?? Stan ol' man, you're talking about a Marvel mag? You mean you don't keep yours in a vault? Cheee! Some of our frantic ones sure live dangerously! Anyhow, thanks for the info, lad — all of Marvel-dom is ever in thy debt!

Dear Stan and John,

Since I'm renewing my subscription to Spidey, I decided to make a comment on a statement you made in issue #52. You said that the reason Spidey's web didn't shoot out when he made a fist was because he had to touch it twice. Well, as usual, you're wrong. (Beats me how you can know so little about your own mags.) If you will look back to issue #2, you will see that his web-shooter has a safety catch which remains off until his hand gets into the correct position for the shot — an unnatural position making it almost impossible to do accidentally. How about a no-prize for saving you skin?

Grady Richardson, 730 Manor St.
Houston, Tex. 77015

Saving 'em? It sounds to us as though you just pelted them, Grady boy! Anyway, if we can find spare no-prize floating around, and if we can raise the price of the postage, we'll take a vote on it during our next meeting of the Bullpen Security Council. Although, in our own dizzy defense, may we say that we did remember Spidey's original web-shooter set-up, but the ol' wall-crawler himself changed it when it misfired once or twice! (That's the best part of being in our shoes — how can you argue these facts with us when we're the ones who make 'em up?)

Dear Stan and John,

I agree completely with another fan's letter in issue #52 — I think Peter Parker definitely should go back to being the tragically lonely, studious, worried person he used to be. It is ridiculous to see what used to be a shy, quiet young man riding around New York on a motorcycle! I think it would have been wiser to leave him with his Aunt May since this was an excellent source of problems and worries for him. And it's these problems and worries that make Spider-Man the unique character that he is. This "apartment of his own" bit is not at all right for Pete's personality. Neither are these flip slang remarks. Let's face it — basically, Peter is a square. But you're trying to make him so hip and so popular that it's laughable. When he has so many friends and dates, it gives the reader a feeling of euphoria which is all wrong for the magazine. It was the warty and cliff-hanger sort of thing that made Spidey enjoyable. Please plague him by personal and public problems again! Bring back the high standards, honor, and dig-

nity which made him great — please! P. S.: Issue #52 — "To Die A Hero" was one of the best efforts you've made yet!!
Kristi Turnquist, 1633 S.E. 55th
Portland, Ore.

Thanks, Kris — we needed that — especially after the way you put us down all through your letter. But the one thing we really can't understand is why we're so often urged to give Petey as many problems as he used to have. We kinda thought the poor guy has more than ever down! Y'know, just the fact that he owns a motorcycle doesn't mean he hasn't a worry in the world! (Or does it? Maybe a set of wheels is the universal fix-it-all and we never even knew it!)

Dear Stan and John,

As a recent but avid follower of your magazines, in particular SPIDER-MAN and F.F., I've never written before but feel moved to do so by the excellence of your recent efforts. If some of my stateside friends and ex-college buddies knew that I was writing a fan letter, they'd probably think that I had suffered combat fatigue. I first started glancing over your comics after reading about them in "Esquire". By the time my unit left for Viet Nam I was hooked, and since the P.X. supply is undependable, I now have my sister supply me with monthly packages of my favorites. I've formed some pretty strong opinions about the way you do things. First, it's great Kirby's and Romita's artwork is marvel-ous. I especially liked Jack's efforts in THOR #142. The artwork seems to have improved immensely since 1964 — maybe it's just more attention to detail. From what I've seen, the Spider-Man and Peter Parker of today far outdo the "old" pair. I like Petey just the way he is. As for M.J. and Gwen, I hope Petey never decides on either of them, because that way, they'll both be around for us to feast our eyes on! Now for the main point in this letter — a suggestion, or more of a request. You seem to be sensitive to the problems of our world and are trying to help solve them, at times, in your mags. In view of this, why don't you show Negro policemen? Your books are always full of cops doing their best, but they're always white. Surely you're aware that the presence of more Negro policemen would go a long way toward solving some of the unrest in our cities today. So how about helping the public get used to the idea? It would also add to the realism of your stories. (I'm not colored myself, by the way.) Keep up the good work. I'll be a fan till Peter Parker and Johnny Storm are drafted.

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Glad to hear it, Marty! We need all the fans we can beg, borrow, or inherit! But we have shown Negro policemen in the past, soldier — although we can't remember in which issues they appeared. So, how about a no-prize or two for the first True Believers who can help remind us in which mags we've presented Negro officers? Like we always say, one of the best things about Marvel Madmen is that they usually end up doing our work for us, bless 'em!

Dear Stan and John,

SPIDER-MAN #52 was truly a Marvel Masterwork, as you predicted it would be in issue #51. Everything was perfect — except... On page 5 Spidey surrounded J.J.J. and himself with a large amount of webbing. This webbing was shaped in such a way that no water could seep through it. Since Jameson was fastened to the floor, there was water up to his chin. Yet, on page 6, panel 4, Spidey breaks through the webbing and no water is shown coming out of the web-bubble. Now you may say that the water seeped out through the webbing, but if this was so, the bubble couldn't have kept the water out while the chamber was being flooded! Enough for the story. Peter Parker is a representation of the modern teenager of this age, not of some past age. If Peter had remained the same fearless fool-up of old, he wouldn't fit in with his time. We can easily see ourselves through Pete, acting the way he does now. I made one note — as I was browsing through my old Spidey mags, I came across #44 where the gang

at the Silver Spoon discusses who will take Flash's place on the football team while he is drafted. I think it would be interesting to see Pete go out for some sport, not necessarily football. Thanks for the great reading you provide and keep up the good work.

Robert Pavliga, 1645 E. 50th St.
Chicago, Ill. 60615

We'll try, Bob! But tell us one thing, huh? When is poor, pooped-out Petey ever gonna find time to go out for any sport? Due to the over-abundance of supervillains in Marvel-dom these days, the only sport Spidey seems likely to indulge in is — the fifty-yard panic!

Dear Monsieur,

I'm a reader of the Marvel Comics Group. But I cannot follow completely their stories, because I can't get all their numbers. I live in Viet Nam at Saigon. You must know that your books are in great demand in our town, especially this kind of story. I get them from Americans who are my parents' friends. Those Americans are civil men, and my father a doctor/dentist. Sometimes they can get for me only one. But I want to follow continually the adventures. My favorite is Spidey. I like him very much. He's the personage of my ideal. I like where he fights against the Lizard man and where he is defeated. I don't know how this dynamic duel ends. I want to possess all his stories. I think you can help me resolve this problem. I thank you first and wait for your answer.

Pham Thai Thu, 151/7 Tu-Du Street
Saigon, Sud-Vietnam (South Viet Nam)

We'll try to answer you in the best way possible, Pham — by sending you some of the issues you've missed. We're sorry our mags are so hard to obtain in Saigon, faithful one — but we're guessing the citizenry might just have a few other, even more important matters on their minds! At any rate, it was great hearing from you, pal — and we'll all be hangin' loose till you write again!

Dear Stan and John,

A friend of mine informed me that he was going to speak out against the webbing that Spidey leaves around after a fight. This guy claims that Spidey's webbing destroys birds, and my friend threatens to picket you unless a change occurs. But I hasten to leap to your defense! What kind of birds live in cities? Pigeons, Right? According to "U.S. News & World Report", the city of New York has spent thousands of dollars trying to eradicate some of these trouble-making "feathered friends". Spidey, by leaving the time the pigeons are entangled, they have the opportunity to ponder city life, and as such, no doubt will become disillusioned with the city and will leave for the country to remain there forever. So, by leaving his webbing around, Spidey helps both the city and the birds, thus proving himself a public servant once again. Even Jolly Jonah couldn't deny that! Don't you think I deserve a no-prize for refuting this argument promptly, thereby sparing you untold stress and mental strain?

Kevin Hancer, 8907 Beard Ave.
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Boy! We give away these no-prizes just like they're nothing, eh? Kev? However, yours is on its way, hero! And, since it behooves us to make some sort of comment on your sagacious soliloquy, we think we may safely say it was for the birds!



NEXT ISH: Here it comes — the yarn you never expected to see! A bewildered, battered Spidey, fighting on the side of demonic Doc Ock! If you think our web-spinnin' wonder has had his share of troubles before, forget it! His previous problems have been a veritable picnic compared to the disastrous dilemma awaiting him in SPIDER-MAN #56! So be here, buttercup — Spidey needs all the help he can get!

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